

REMARKS

The application has been amended as needed so as to place it in condition for disposal at the time of the next Official Action.

In the course of this revision, subject headings have been inserted at the appropriate locations throughout the specification in a manner consistent with the preferred guidelines set forth at 37 CFR 1.77 and §601 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP).

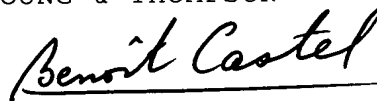
Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, drawn to a method of producing a layer-like part, without traverse. Claims 5-14 have been withdrawn, and claims 1-4 are pending.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits of pending claims 1-4 is accordingly earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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